lakhs and released Rs. 144.00 lakhs as first installment to the Government of Sikkim for development of Tashiding Monastery in Sikkim in the years 2004-05. Ministry of Tourism is promoting the Buddhist sites in the country including the monasteries in Sikkim through its publicity campaigns. A specific campaign namely "Come to India--Walk with the Buddha" has been launched in China, Japan, Korea and South East Asian countries.

Removal of encroachment from Tomb of Sher Shah in Sasaram, Bihar

†4412. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to free the tomb of Sher Shah in Sasaram, Bihar from encroachment;

(b) the details of scheme of Government regarding the system of discharge of water of the pond situated in the middle of the tomb premises; and

(c) what are the details of scheme for the development and conservation of the tomb in accordance with its historical importance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Archaeological Survey of India has filed a case before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna praying for removal of the unauthorized and illegal constructions within the protected monument of 'Tomb of Sher Shah' in Sasaram.

(b) The Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Patna Circle has approached the District Authority for revival of inlet and outlet channels and to prevent the immersion of idols, washing of cloth, etc. to ensure flow of clean water.

(c) For the conservation of the tomb and its proper development, a provision of Rs. 23 lakhs has been made for the year 2007-08, details of which are given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

The Details of items of works of conservation and proper development of Sher Shah Tomb, Sasaram, Bihar during the Financial year 2007-08

	Item of Works	Estimated Amount
(i)	Conservation of Graveyard around the tomb, construction of pathway and other developmental works.	Rs. 5,00,000
(ii)	Conservation of flanking kiosks, boundary wall including development of main entrance of the tomb.	Rs. 5,00,000/-
(iii)	Minor repairs of the monuments and day to day maintenance, clearance of aquatic and chocked outlet and provision of hume pipe to pass out the surplus water from ancient tank to outlet channel.	Rs. 8,00,000/-
(iv)	Provision for Toilet Blocks, store/camp office and fixing of cultural Notice Board etc.	Rs. 5,00,000/-
	TOTAL:	Rs. 23,00,000

Development of historical place in Buxar, Bihar

†4413. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the historical importance of the field of Chausa in Buxar, Bihar;

(b) if so, the related information available in Government archives;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have so far not implemented any scheme to develop this historical place;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government will make and implement a scheme for the development of this historical place; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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